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RAUNCHY ROLAND'S MONEY MAD!

● Sexy local builder Roland Bardsley has been cementing relations with the lads at the Junior Chamber of Commerce. They've voted him "Pin-Up of the Year!"

But Rolands too busy to blush. He's into making money, motels, champagne binges and the Tory Party.

Isn't he a brick!

Roland reveals all p. 3

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NEWS

NEW TRADES COUNCIL?

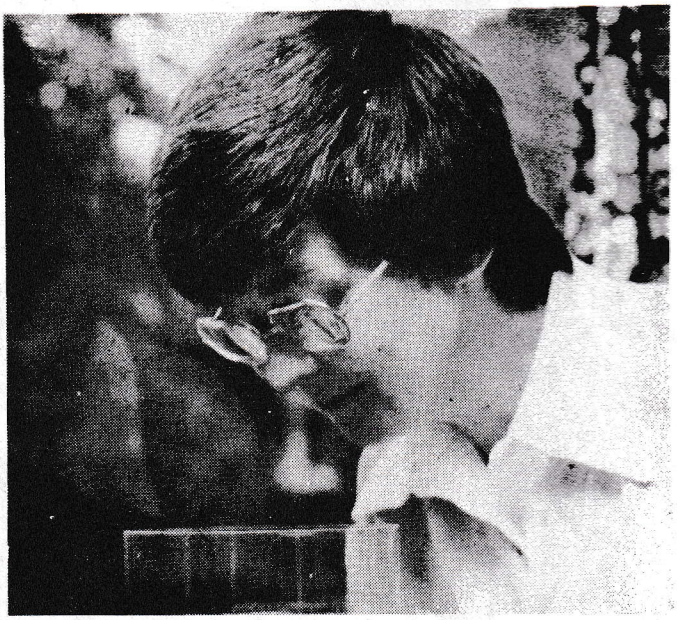
Attempts to set up a new (and tame!) Trades Council in Tameside ended in confusion and disarray recently. A meeting called by the County Association of Trades Councils was attended by a handful of full time union heavies at Ashton Town Hall. The TUC bureaucrats were unable to get anything together and promised they would try again in the next two months. With friends like these organised labour in Tameside needs no enemies. For some strange reason Labour councillors were all invited to attend. A few went, including Jack Pettit and Roy Oldham, but most stayed away thinking it was none of their business.

AN EYE EXCLUSIVE!

FASCISTS WOO GIRL OF 11

TOM PENDRY has sent a National Front recruitment leaflet to the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) This leaflet, aimed at school kids incites race hatred by claming immigration for all the present economic woes. The leaflet was part of an N.F. recruitment drive.

The complaint about the leaflet emerged when an eleven year old girl was given a copy one Saturday in early July. Her parents immediately took the matter up. The Front have been distributing leaflets in Droysden, Ashton and Glossop, as well as Stalybridge. The Front now meets every Thursday evening in the Wellington Hotel, Caroline St., Stalybridge. Boddingtons breweries say that they have no control over the room bookings accepted at their tenanted houses. FRANK DAWBER, the Front's local Furher and Gee Cross grave-stone decorator has said that their meetings have the added attraction of film shows and after hours drinking. Any one wanting to find out exactly how many hours after time the neo-Nazis are downing their pints of Boddies might like to ring the Wellington Hotel on a Thursday night - the number is 338 4481.



Mrs Swiffin sniffing out subversion at North West Arts

Swiffin sniffin

SYLVIA SWIFFIN, Committee chief of Libraries and Arts, stopped the EYE getting a grant towards a typewriter. In her capacity as Tameside's rep on North West Arts Assoc she used our grant request as the moment to prove her impartiality on their committee. It is tempting to link SYLVIA's dislike of the EYE with the somewhat critical pieces about her that have appeared in EYE from time to time. Still, its nice to note that her vendetta against the EYE has not (yet) reached Ashton Library who still take a copy very month.

HOWE; cuts & dole

When SIR GEOFFREY HOWE, Chancellor of the Exchequer turned up in Manchester recently, he was confronted by (amongst others) about half a dozen Hyde pensioners. On hearing of his visit they turned out to tell him he'd got his sums wrong. SIR GEOFFREY was in town to tell North West councils the virtues of cutting council spending and putting council workers on the dole.

Private Health

Consultant surgeons at Tameside Hospital are setting up shop for private patients at 46 Manchester Rd, Ashton. The fat fees they get from this 'mmonlighting' will be in addition to the money they get from the Health Service.

At present the N.H.S. pays consultant surgeons anything between £15,510 to £19,870 a year. That's £298 to £382 a week.

A first year student nurse at Tameside Hospital gets under £55 a week, which is less than the cleaners get.

Barrister buys council house

Time was when people went on council house waiting lists because they couldnt afford to buy their own, not in Tameside it seems.
The Housing Dept have done a deal with LEECH HOMES LTD. a private property developer LEECH HOMES got the go-ahead for a £3m. private estate near NEWMARKET RD. Ashton, on condition they gave first refusal to people on the council waiting list. Who was first taker? A labourer a fitter, a machinist, a draughtsman even? No, it was JOHN MCLURE and his wife JANE.
JOHN MCLURE is a member of that underpaid profession: a BARRISTER! Makes you wonder how many more BARRISTERS are queuing up for Tameside council housing. And, for that matter, how many HIGH COURT JUDGES, MULTI NATIONAL CORPORATION EXECUTIVES and CONSULTANT BRAIN SURGEONS.....

LEECH HOMES N.W. LTD. made £75,404 profit last year and are part of a nation-wide property group whose chairman JOHN RICHARD ADAMSON holds directorships on over 20 other property companies.

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This tasteful little ad.appeared in the REPORTER just after our last issue went to press. It makes you wonder If the REPORTER had been based in Germany circa 1936 would it have carried ads for the Hitler youth ?

HARTLE'S HALL

"Bankrupt" DEREK HARTLE is all set to move his family into MOTTRAM HALL, the Longendale mansion he spent over £100,000 doing up.
Before HARTLE bought the hall from Tameside it had been ear-marked as a home for maladjusted children.
In 1978 the Tory council voted him a £2,500 improvement grant. Ex Tory councillor HARTLE is now getting the 2nd half of that grant from the present Labour council, who had been fiercly opposed to the whole business in 1978.
HARTLES engineering firm HARTLE MACHINERY INTERNATIONAL went bust in 1979.
Readers can be forgiven for wondering how a bankrupt businessman has been able to afford the estimated £68,000 worth of improvements on the hall, even with the kind help of Tameside council.
But HARTLE dismisses criticism. He claims to have done the public a service by saving "one of the few great buildings in the area"
Can we assume then that he will soon be opening up his 'great building' to the public? Or is its greatness to be reserved entirely for himself and his family ?

PET OF THE MONTH

Roland Bardsley

ROLAND BARDSLEY HAS BEEN VOTED "MAN OF THE YEAR" BY TAMESIDES JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. SO WE THOUGHT WE'D TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT HIS AFFAIRS....

For 20 years ROLAND BARDSLEY and his wife ANNE have been making their fortune from the local building trade.
Since 1971 profits from Bardsley's main company ROLAND BARDSLEY (BUILDERS) LTD. have risen from £31,000 to £225,000. ROLAND's own salary as Chairman of the group has climbed from £7,500 to over £38,000 in the same period.
Now the BARDSLEY's have moved from Greenhurst Lane in Ashton to "Bay Court' at Cleveleys, a much more desirable residence, well away from where the money comes from.

shares

MR & MRS BARDSLEY are directors and chief shareholdersin five other companies - BARDSLEY CONSTRUCTION CO. LTD. BARDSLEY BREWERY EQUIPMENT SERVICES, R. BARDSLEY (JOINERS) LTD. R. BARDSLEY LTD. and CARRIAGES LEISURE CENTRE. All run from offices in Globe Sq.Dukinfield.
The first three have never traded. R. BARDSLEY LTD. does some of the plumbing work on the groups building sites.
CARRIAGES is ROLAND's venture on the profitable leisure and pleasure industry.

carriages

BARDSLEY bought Moorside Stadium from DROYLSDEN RACEWAY AND EQUESTRIAN CENTRE LTD. in the early '70's.
He turned the old club house into Carriages nite spot wit a restaurant and disco, and bars. He added squash courts and now has plans to build a motel servicing the M66 ring-road scheduled to run through Droylsden.
After a bad start in '74 with trading losses of £18,870 Carriages is now making a fair return on ROLAND's investment. Last year profits were £33,575 after tax. The biggest money spinners are the bars which grossed £110,542 and the night club itself£53,43
The Trotting track actually made a £307 loss. But the squash courts which made a loss in '79 brought in £43,000 last year.

expansion

But ROLANDS plans to be the Walt Disney of Droylsden have hit snags.
Local residents are fighting Carriages expansion. They don't like the noise and the way the centre is eating up open land in the area. And they don't want a motel.
In 1978 a campaign led by Carriages-local SUSAN MARSH persuaded councillors to refuse planning permission for four more squash courts. This decision - made with a considerable majority- was reversed after Tory leader COLIN GRANTHAM rushed the same plans onto the agenda of the next meeting.

exhibition

That same year BARDSLEY was given the contract to hold Tamesides prestigious Trades and Industry Exhibition.
It had originally been sited in the Stalybridge bus sheds.
But there was a sudden switch to Carriages which gave ROLAND the lions share of the £24,000 cost of the Exhibition.
BARDSLEY himself is a prominent local Tory with many

CONTINUED OVER ▶

PRISONER IN HER OWN HOME

A blind woman in Dukinfield has been told by the GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND ASSOC. that the reason they have refused her training for a guide dog is her age. BETTY DUNDAVON, 69, who in her own words is a 'fighter' is incensed.

Nearly four years ago BETTY DUNDAVON'S eyesight began to fade. After an unsuccessful operation on her eyes BETTY, who has always led an active life, began to adjust to her new situation. By late 1978 she was a regular attender at get-togethers at Tameside BLIND ASSOCIATION. There it was suggested she obtain a guide dog for the blind. After some months of waiting, a man came round in April 1979 from the Guide Dogs Assoc.

In less than an hour, BETTY says, he had taken her photo, asked after her health and taken her up and down Arnadale Rd. on a simulated walk, with her holding on to a guide dog handle pulled by himself. He left telling her the waiting list was over two years and she had better try again.

A month later a letter arrived from the Assoc, confirming that they could not let her have a guide dog.

Age Limit

BETTY has since seen her Social Worker, a councillor and her doctor, but to no avail. Instead, she received a final letter from the Assoc, in March this year. This spelt it out in no uncertain terms and was signed by a Mr, D. G. CARVER, Director of Training.

"In my second letter..... I indicated that the reason for your unsuitability is your age. Only a few years ago the maximum age at which we trained females was 45 years..... ladies invariably become less able manage and to competently control a guide dog....20 years ago you might well have been able to manage a guide dog, but unfortunately it is completely out of the question now."

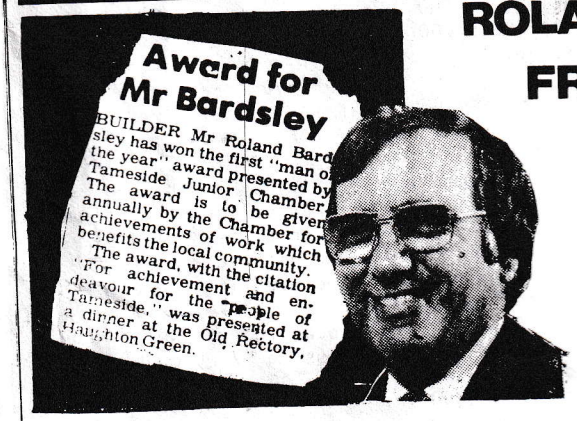
EYE asked MR. CARVER about the age limits.

He admitted they no longer have firm age limits at the top. When they were there however, a firm discrimination against women was in force, as the upper limit for men was 50 years (45 in women). MR. CARVER then went on to say that "guide dogs are not ideal for everyone; there are many people we cannot train."

Waiting

It also emerged that the waiting list for dogs is longest in the north west, currently about 18 months. At no point was it made clear by the Association to BETTY DUNDAVON that there was this 'hurdle' before one got a guide dog. After nearly two years of waiting she is still no nearer to getting the guide dog she needs to return as best she can to the active life she was accustomed to.

Tameside Social Services have now appointed a Mobility Officer for the Blind, who it is understood concentrates her efforts only on those who will benefit most. It appears people like BETTY DUNDAVON do not fit this description.□


Award for Mr Bardsley
BUILDER Mr Roland Bardsley has won the first "man of the year" award presented by Tameside Junior Chamber. The award is to be given annually by the Chamber for achievements of work which benefits the local community. The award, with the citation "For achievement and endeavour for the people of Tameside," was presented at a dinner at the Old Rectory, Haughton Green.

ROLAND FROM P.3

influential contacts. (THOMAS REID - Manager of Carriages- was Tory Candidate for Denton Sth in May 1978).

But not all of ROLAND's contacts are with the Tory party.

At a Labour party group meeting not so long ago Droylsden Cllr. PHILIP WARNE arrived looking somewhat tired. He announced to all and sundry that his friend ROLAND BARDSLEY was giving one of his famous champagne parties for clients, that he had tickets, and that everyone should 'come with their wives.' Few followed.

But since the Labour takeover in Tameside ROLAND has not been so favourable treated by the council. This year he was late with an application for the Moorside betting license. His solicitor asked for it to be 'rushed' into the agenda in the time-honoured way. It wasn't.

Instead there was a 3 month suspension of betting and inspectors were sent three times to check that the ruling was being upheld.

In 1979 BARDSLEY was confident that the 'housing market' would continue to show a high margin of profit'. He was wrong. The housing boom is over. Builders are struggling. The happy-time is over for ROLAND.

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BARDSLEY's company signs are a local landmark. Over the past 20 years there have been few areas in Tameside where BARDSLEY has not bought or sold land, or built a private housing estate.

There is a fair chance that YOU are living in or close to a BARDSLEY house. Here are some of the places where he has operated: Crowthorn Rd. Ashton, Broadbottom Rd. Longendale, Broadhill Rd. and Boulderstone Rd. Stalybridge, Chapel Lane, Hadfield, Mossley Rd.Mossley, Rutland St. and Fitzroy St. Audenshaw. Buxton Lane, Droylsden, Lumb Lane, Droylsden. Old St. Mossley, Ladbroke Rd. Ashton, High St.Stalybridge St. Christophers Ave, AUL, Globe Lane, Dukinfield, Lodge Lane, Hyde, Greendale Grove, Denton, Talbot Rd, Hyde.

For all this (and much more) work his chief financiers have been the Ashton Branch of the Nat.West, Broad St.Securities Ltd. and Lombard N. Central financiers.□

WHISPERS

We've been hearing unprintable rumours about goings-on at DROYLSDEN GIRLS SCHOOL. We understand that some parents are unwilling to send their 11 yr. old girls to join the school first year. A high proportion of staff are looking for a change. A small petition was got up recently. Any information about the curious situation there will be treated in complete confidence. Ring 455 3724 any time.□

BUSBY BALLS

It's taken Buzby 8 weeks to mend a pay phone at Hyde Physiotherapy Centre after it was vandalised during a break in.

The Parsonage St. Centre had an unwanted visit from burglars in mid-July. The damaged pay phone which is for visitors to the Centre was reported to the engineers straightaway who gave it an 'emergency service' i.e. 999 could be dialled. They finally came to mend it some eight weeks later muttering a lame excuse about 'waiting for spare parts.'

Post Office spokesperson ALAN MEACHIN was asked how long it normally takes to mend a pay phone "within a couple of days" came the confident reply. When told about the 8 week delay this turned into "oh, bloody hell but don't quote me on that!"□

Courtaulds

Courtaulds are closing down three more Tameside Mills. THROSTLE BANK, PREMIER and CEDAR. EYE has been looking into some of the antics of this highly profitable textile giant.
Despite the overall decline in textiles, COURTAULDS is prosperous. In 1979 its turnover was £1710 millions, with pre-tax profits of £64 million. Chairman SIR ARTHUR KNIGHT has steered COURTAULDS through the textile crisis by cutting jobs, closing plant and using Govt. grant aid.
Using these grants, COURTAULDS have opened several new factories in development areas. In 1968, two were opened in Skelmersdale (Lancs) and Spennymoor (Durham)- eleven years later they were both closed down, with 2,500 jobs gone.
Between 1970 and 1973, of the miserly £75.3 millions spent on new investment by the firm, £38.1 millions was from state aid. By comparison their pre-tax profits for 70-78 were £674 millions, of which £173 millions went in dividends to shareholders.□

Acrow

Life for ACROW, the multinational engineering group which owns ADAMSON AND HATCHETT in Dukinfield and ADAMSONS CONTAINERS in Reddish has not been so kind.
Pre-tax profit crashed in the second half of last year to only £2m. from a previous high of £13.8 m.
The redundancies which caused the bitter strike at ACROW's ADAMSON CONTAINERS last year cost the company over £700,000. But did not prevent the company from maintaining high dividend payments to shareholders.□

Sterlings

STERLING MOULDINGS LTD - manufacturers of Chemicals and atmospheric pollution- have just made a loss at their QUEEN MILL factory at DUKINFIELD, according to private information supplied to Tameside by the Company Managing Director, FUSSELL. □

Chemstar

STERLINGs old position of Public Enemy Number One in Tameside has been taken over by CHEMSTAR LTD.a tiny STALYBRIDGE chemical manufacturer which has been makin the lives of nearby CARRBROOK villagers a misery for the past four years. CHEM STARS six man workforce produce giant size smells and noises. A year ago Tameside gave the company 12 months to do something about it. Nothing happened.
More of CHEMSTAR LTD. next month....□

McAlpine
British Vita

And whilst on the subject of multi-nationals operatin in TAMESIDE...both Mc.-ALPINES - who are building posh houses on Mottram Rd. Stalybridge and BRITISH VITA - who own a noisy factory in Ashton-appeared in a recent SUNDAY TIMES article about companies paying starvation wages in SOUTH AFRICA. MC.ALPINES had 109 black South Africans on poverty-line pay, whilst BRITISH VITA refused to give any information to the British Govt. on pay and conditions in their Sth. African factories.□

Park Cake

After her fourteen year old son had been on 'work experience' at PARK CAKE BAKERIES Mrs. JOAN CLARKSON rang EYE to complain.....
MRS. CLARKSON's son arrived at the PARK CAKE works on Oldham Rd. Ashton on Monday morning with a dozen other lads from Ashton Grammar. They were shown a short film and then set straight to work on conveyor belts, and stacking Xmas cakes in hot ovens all day.
It was tiring work for young lads, and MRS. CLARKSON's son fell asleep on the job. The foreman -rabbed him roughly by the arm and ordered him to 'get back to your work'. He arrived home that night thoroughly exhausted, but set off at 7 am next morning to make the start of the 8am shift. They were worked straight through the day At mid-afternoon break MRS. CLARKSON's son went out into the yard for a breath of air. He was ordered back in. At 3.30 the days work was done and the regular workers clocked off. The grammar school lads were kept on until five hosing down the yard and generally cleaning up. They worked at PARK CAKE for the rest of the week, full time and without any pay. Meanwhile the mothers had to cough up bus fares lunch and tea breaks.
MRS. CLARKSON rang up the Education Welfare Dept. at Dukinfield and was told by Miss LOWENTHALE that 'lots of children find it difficult adjusting from school to work'. She rang PARK CAKE where MR. KIRWIN informed her that his company was doing Ashton Grammar a favour by taking the lads.
MRS. CLARKSON disagrees. She reckons that Ashton are doing PARK CAKE a favour by supplying them with slave labour for a week.□

Boddington

Next time you down a pint of BODDIES at your local spare a thought for the men and women who brew the stuff. According to figures published in the August edition of "Labour Research" average pay at Manchester's most popular brewery was only £40 per week in January 1980. Making BODDINGTONS one of the meanest breweries in the country. Top-payers were ARTHUR GUINNESS who shelled out an average £70 per week, and even the tight-fisted giant SCOTTISH AND NEWCASTLE gave its workers ten quid more than BODDINGTONS.
And, whilst BODDINGTONS were paying their 1,433 workers such miserable wages their highest paid director was getting £520 per week, the company had just sold £21.5m worth of pints, and made a pre-tax profit of £4m, which was 21.6% more than the previous year. Cheers!□

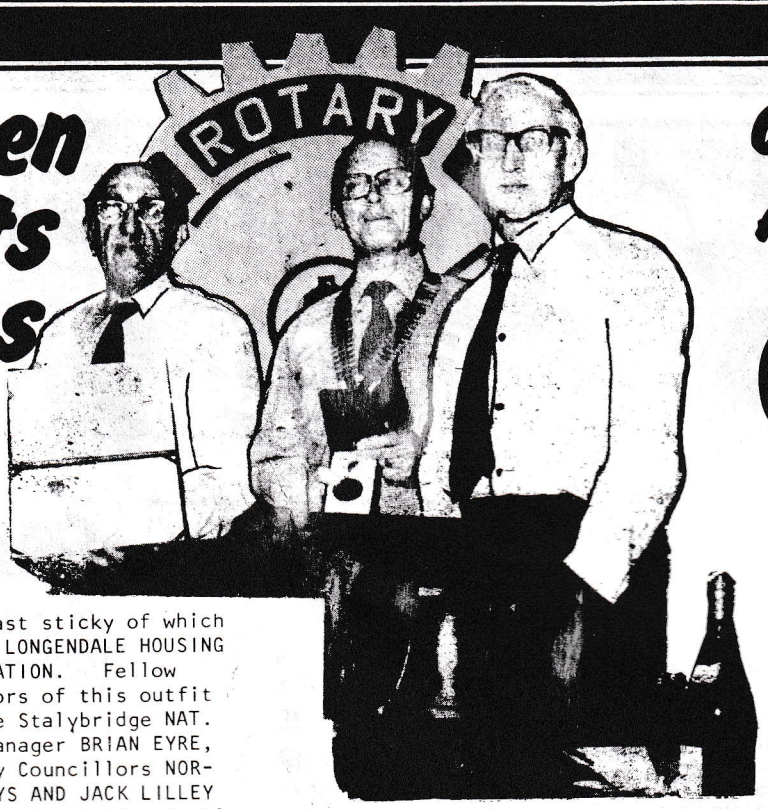
Handouts

Every year companies operating in Tameside donate thousands of pounds to the Conservative party and related right-wing organisations.
Last year these companies included MOTHERCARE, BARCLAYS BANK, LLOYDS BANK, THE MIDLAND BANK, THE NATIONAL WESTMINSTER BANK,
MOTHERCARE coughed up £25,000 direct to Tory party funds.
The big banks donated an equal amount to the Economic League, a far right group which keeps blacklists of union 'subversives' for its subscribers.
Tameside business men whose companies have made donations to Tory organisations in the past include DEREK HARTLE (HARTLE MACHINERY INTERNATIONAL) and SIR GEORGE KENYON (NATIONAL AND COMMERCIAL BANKING GROUP and TOOTALS.)□

ICL

Workers made redundant earlier this year from ICL's DUKINFIELD factory will be interested to hear the latest financial news. The computer giant increased its net profits last half year by 29% to £16.3 m.
This was AFTER paying out £7.7m. to cover the costs of closing the Dukinfield factory.□

Businessmen Bureaucrats Magistrates Politicians



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THIS PART OF THE STORY STARTS WITH A FUNERAL....

MR. H. BUTTERWORTH, OPTICIAN and PHARMECIST of STOCKPORT RD. ASHTON died recently. He was a leading ROTARIAN. So the local clubs turned out in force for the funeral THE REPORTER kindly published a list of the mourners, and since they all seemed oddly familiar we started looking in our files. A lot of cross referencing, a dozen phone calls later MR. BUTTERWORTH's funeral courtege began to look like who's who of the TAMESIDE ESTABLISHMENT.

For starters, nearly ALL the Rotarian mourners seemed to be JP's on one or other of the Tameside MAGISTRATES COURTS.

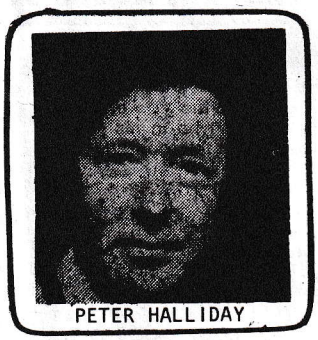
RICHARD MARSH

There was JOHN HAWKE JP who was ASHTON ROTARY PRESIDENT in 78/79 and in real life is Managing Director of ORMAND LTD. With him was JACK MILLIN JP of ROSE HILL who was the 77/78 President JACK owns MILLINS SPORTS SHOP opposite the Oldham Rd ASDA. There was AUSTEN WOOD JP of Park Crescent Glossop. He is a partner in FALKINGHAM AND WOOD the Estate Agents.
Then there was WILLIAM EDWARD PEARCE JP. Like so many Rotarians William Edward is Ex-Ashton Grammar. He's also a self-employed builder with his finger in many pies. Not the least sticky of which is the LONGENDALE HOUSING ASSOCIATION. Fellow directors of this outfit include Stalybridge NAT. WEST Manager BRIAN EYRE, Ex-Tory Councillors NORMAN HEYS AND JACK LILLEY (who, incidentally, doubles up as a lay preacher). Other Associates of BILL PEARCE through Longendale Housing Assoc. include big-time builder ROLAND BARDSLEY and fellow Tameside Tory PHILIP DAWSON, the estate agent and 11+ fiend.

We could go on. But this is a digression.
Back to the funereal JP's.

Wiping a tear from his eye was H.J. HOWARD JP who owns HOWARDS OUTFITTERS on Stamford St.Ashton. There was GEORGE HOUGH JP the gentleman farmer from Ashton Moss who also owns HOUGHS FURNISHINGS in the centre of Ashton.
Not actually at the funeral, but worth a mention anyway was GUS GORDON powerful Clerk of the Court at Ashton Magistrates Court.
Then there was HARRY VARLEY JP and ROBERT SAUNDERS JP who lives in Romiley.
Now, there's a funny thing ....lots of Tameside Rotarians appear to live in Romiley. ROBERT SAUNDERS' neighbours include JOHN HAWKE, H.J. HOWARD, HARRY VARLEY and RICHARD MARSH JP the President of the Hyde Rotary Club and Managing Director of AUTOMASTERS LTD.And those who don't live in Romiley, live in the prettier bits of HAUGHTON GREEN.Rotarian P.JONES does and so do HARRY ASHFORD and PETER HOLLIDAY of the Audenshaw and Denton Rotary who both live in Sunningdale Rd.

Tameside, it seems, is just somewhere they come to dispense charity and justice. But Justice wasn't the only abstract virtue present when Mr. Butterworth went off to that Great Rotary Club in the sky. There was HEALTH there in the form of MAURICE SHARPLES of 13 Tatton Gardens, Stockport. MAURICE used to be secretary of the TAMESIDE AREA HEALTH AUTHORITY (The Chairwoman of the TAHA is of course Lady Christine Kenyon JP. Christine is also the Chairwoman of the Tameside Juvenile Bench and the wife of SIR GEORGE KENYON JP. SIR GEORGE is the chairman of the Sth.Tameside Branch. Both SIR GEORGE and LADY CHRISTINE are very influential when it comes to choosing new JPS.)
But back to the funeral again.
There was RELIGION manifested in the REV.T.A.CHADWICK



PETER HALLIDAY

Minister at the ALBION UNITED REFORM CHURCH.
There was EDUCATION represented by that renegade Welshman JOHN JONES, Principal of TAMESIDE COLLEGE.
There was GOVERNMENT,appearing that day in disguise as three of Tameside's top bureacrats - A.D. TOWNSEND Director of Finance, HARRY HOULDSWORTH, Director of Environmental Health and good old DENNIS LEEMING, the Director of Administration, who very kindly shows us the register of Councillors business interests whenever we ask for it.
But the most important virtue at the funeral was FAMILY, foundation of our state and guardian of our moral life.
Everyone in ROTARY, appears to be related. Just like a hill-billy village.
For example, ex Rotary president JOHN HAWKE JP has a dad who is an ex-Rotary president. Ex-Rotary president JACK MILLIN JP also has a dad who is an ex Rotary president. AUSTEN WOOD JP's wife is secretary to the ASHTON INNER WHEEL. MRS. MOLLY PEARCE the 79/80 President of the Ashton Inner Wheel is - guess - the wife of WILLIAM EDWARD PEARCE JP. Then there is MR.AND MRS A.E. HAGUE. He's a Rotarian, she 's an Inner Wheel (or is it the other way round?!)
There's ROY PICKERSGILL of 11 Lincoln Close AUL. He was 79/80 president of the Dukinfield and Stalybridge Rotary - and have a guess who is president of the Dukinfield and Stalybridge Inner Wheel at this very moment? Right first time - ROY's good wife JOYCE PICKERSGILL.□

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The Rotary Past

Rotary's 'First Four' – Silvester Schiele, Paul Harris, Hiram Shorey and Gus Loehr

ROTARY MOVEMENT was founded in 1905 by PAUL P. HARRIS a Chicago Attorney.
He wanted to, "Foster the idea of service" But not for its own sake. "Service" in P. HARRIS's mind was to form "the basis of enterprise". It was also "to promote a world of fellowship of business and professional men". The name ROTARY was proposed because meetings were to be held in rotation in members offices.
That "world fellowship" is now a reality. ROTARY is a massive international movement. HARRIS's half-dozen CHICAGO businessmen have become a world-wide membership of over a million.
In 1976 there were 16,768 rotary clubs in 151 countries.
All full of businessmen, "improving" their "relations".
The world-wide HQ is in EVANSTON, ILLINOIS.
The 60,000 British membership in its 1,244 clubs is run from SHEEN near LONDON.
The ROTARY is anti-women from the start, so the wives and daughters of ROTARIANS set up their own club called the INNER WHEEL.
Later the SOROPTOMISTS club was formed by females unlucky enough not to be related to a ROTARIAN.
The whole thing is big business in its own right.
The National Conference of ROTARIANS due to be held at BELLEVUE soon promised local traders orders running into millions of pounds. □

Club rules

You see them every week in THE REPORTER, THE CHESHIRE HERALD and THE ADVERTISER. Smug men and women in charitable poses, handing over cheques to the needy and underprivileged.

The public image of Tameside's middle class establishment, But, the clubs these men and women belong to serve more important functions than charity. Like the more secret FREE MASONS, they help to develop and maintain the business and social connections between the men and women who run our local lives.

THE ROTARY is the biggest and most powerful of these organisations. Its rules are strict. You can't join unless you are invited. And you have to be a 'professional' to GET invited. A businessman, a top bureaucrat, a shop keeper. Even then there can only be a certain number of each in every ROTARY. And under no circumstances must you be female.
The female ROTARY - THE SOROPTOMISTS - is much the same There are no labourers in Rotary clubs, no apprentice joiners, no filing clerks or copy typists.

It's very exclusive. ROTARY is important BECAUSE its exclusive. TAMESIDE's public life is dominated by a few hundred men and women, many of them are rotarians.

O*The MAGISTRATES COURTS are full of Rotarians standing in judgement on the people they exclude from their clubs.

Local CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE have always had Rotarians in key positions.
Top men in Local Government departments are Rotarians.
BUSINESS, JUSTICE, ADMINISTRATION - all dominated by ROTARY and the rest.

SOROPTOMISTS, INNERWHEELERS AND ROTARIANS attend each others functions chat, discuss, joke, plot and plan. These people - who hire and fire us, educate us, sell the goods we make, release and convict us, and keep up our personal files- all know each other very well.

HARRY ASHFORD

So the next time you find yourself outside the local Masonic Hall on a quiet summers evening when the Rotary is meeting, stop and listen for a minute. That strange scraping-rustling sound you will hear is n't rats in the rafters or the foundations shifting its only the constant, careful, mutual-scratching of well-clothed Rotarian backs. □

BERNARD HIGGINBOTHAM OF THE ROUND TABLE

Q. Whats the connection?
A. They're all in the local

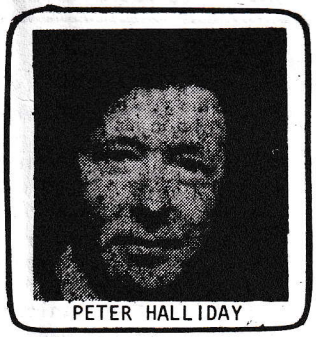
CHARITY MAFIA

ROTARY, ROUND TABLE, ROTORACT, SOROPTOMISTS, INNER WHEEL, PROBEX - MYSTERIOUS NAMES FOR LOCAL ORGANISATIONS THAT RAISE THOUSANDS OF POUNDS FOR CHARITY EVERY YEAR, BUT THAT'S NOT ALL THEY DO.

Tameside, it seems, is just somewhere they come to dispense charity and justice. But Justice wasn't the only abstract virtue present when Mr. Butterworth went off to that Great Rotary Club in the sky. There was HEALTH there in the form of MAURICE SHARPLES of 13 Tatton Gardens, Stockport. MAURICE used to be secretary of the TAMESIDE AREA HEALTH AUTHORITY (The Chairwoman of the TAHA is of course Lady Christine Kenyon JP. Christine is also the Chairwoman of the Tameside Juvenile Bench and the wife of SIR GEORGE KENYON JP. SIR GEORGE is the chairman of the Sth.Tameside Branch. Both SIR GEORGE and LADY CHRISTINE are very influential when it comes to choosing new JPS.)

But back to the funeral again.

There was RELIGION manifested in the REV.T.A.CHADWICK



PETER HALLIDAY

Minister at the ALBION UNITED REFORM CHURCH.

There was EDUCATION represented by that renegade Welshman JOHN JONES, Principal of TAMESIDE COLLEGE.

There was GOVERNMENT, appearing that day in disguise as three of Tameside's top bureacrats - A.D. TOWNSEND Director of Finance, HARRY HOULDSWORTH, Director of Environmental Health and good old DENNIS LEEMING, the Director of Administration, who very kindly shows us the register of Councillors business interests whenever we ask for it.

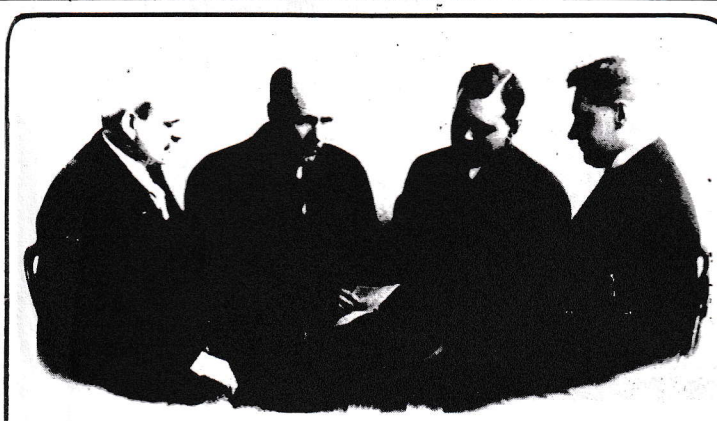
But the most important virtue at the funeral was FAMILY, foundation of our state and guardian of our moral life.

Everyone in ROTARY, appears to be related. Just like a hill-billy village.

For example, ex Rotary president JOHN HAWKE JP has a dad who is an ex-Rotary president. Ex-Rotary president JACK MILLIN JP also has a dad who is an ex Rotary president. AUSTEN WOOD JP's wife is secretary to the ASHTON INNER WHEEL. MRS. MOLLY PEARCE the 79/80 President of the Ashton Inner Wheel is - guess - the wife of WILLIAM EDWARD PEARCE JP. Then there is MR.AND MRS A.E. HAGUE. He's a Rotarian, she 's an Inner Wheel (or is it the other way round?!)

There's ROY PICKERSGILL of 11 Lincoln Close AUL. He was 79/80 president of the Dukinfield and Stalybridge Rotary - and have a guess who is president of the Dukinfield and Stalybridge Inner Wheel at this very moment? Right first time - ROY's good wife JOYCE PICKERSGILL.□

The Rotary Past



Rotary's 'First Four' – Silvester Schiele, Paul Harris, Hiram Shorey and Gus Loehr

ROTARY MOVEMENT was founded in 1905 by PAUL P. HARRIS a Chicago Attorney.

He wanted to, "Foster the idea of service" But not for its own sake. "Service" in P. HARRIS's mind was to form "the basis of enterprise" It was also "to promote a world of fellow ship of business and professional men". The name ROTARY was proposed because meetings were to be held in rotation in members offices.

That "world fellowship" is now a reality. ROTARY is a massive international movement. HARRIS's half-dozen CHICAGO businessmen have become a world-wide membership of over a million.

In 1976 there were 16,768 rotary clubs in 151 countries.

All full of businessmen, "improving" their "relations".

The world-wide HQ is in EVANSTON, ILLINOIS.

The 60,000 British membership in its 1,244 clubs is run from SHEEN near LONDON

The ROTARY is anti-women from the start, so the wives and daughters of ROTARIANS set up their own club called the INNER WHEEL.

Later the SOROPTOMISTS club was formed by females unlucky enough not to be related to a ROTARIAN.

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THE FALL AND RISE OF COLIN GRANTHAM

ITS NOT BEEN A GOOD YEAR FOR COLIN GRANTHAM, LEADER OF TAMESIDES TORIES...

It started with our COLIN having to fork out 'substantial damages' to ERNEST BLAKELY, headmaster of Aldwyn Junior school, Audenshaw, after COLIN had said in public that ERNIE wasn't educating his pupils properly.

Then the Tories got massacred in the local elections in May.

ONLY 10 TORIES

And ALAN FEARN, the only other intelligent Tory in Tameside, lost his seat.

This left COLIN in charge of a party of only 10 councillors.

Then Tory Education Minister MARK CARLISLE gave the go-ahead for Comprehensive Education, and COLIN had clearly had enough.

He's missed three out of a possible seven meetings since May including both the important Education Committee meetings.

And, when he does turn up he's pretty quiet (for him).

His energies are almost certainly going elsewhere.

BUSINESSMAN

In real life COLIN is a business broker with his own company COLIN GRANTHAM & CO. LTD., based at 45a Market St. Hyde.

When COLIN resigned (temporarily) as Tory Leader a year or so ago it was, he said, to concentrate on his 'business affairs!

They needed concentrating on. After 1972- the year COLIN broke away from his former boss GRIMSDALE AND SONS LTD. his company profits fell.

By 1974 he was making a loss of £1,469. Not impressive for an advocate of the advantages of private enterprise.

But COLIN soon began to get the hang of it. And, by 1977 profits were back up to £2008.

Throughout the '70's COLIN's remuneration as company top-dog rose steadily. (The only other director is his wife GLADYS GRANTHAM). It rose from £2.444 in '72 to £6,190 in 1977 - the last year we have any figures for.

£1000 TAX FREE

These weren't massive sums for a would-be business magnate, but there were always COLIN's tax free council expenses (just under £1,000 in '77/8 when COLIN ranked third in the TAMESIDE big-claimers league)

And since last year there has been the money COLIN got from his 'job' as a board member of THE GREATER MANCHESTER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (G.M.E.D.C for short).

For putting in a gruelling two days or so a month COLIN is entitled to claim £2,000 a year, or £40 per week.

But the REAL advantage of G.M.E.D.C. membership for COLIN is all the good business contacts he must be making.

Business contacts are vital in COLIN's line of work. The G.M.E.D.C. chairman is GEORGE NORMAN FLINT who is a director of BARCLAYS BANK & PATTERSON ZOCKONIS LTD. and a score of other companies and subsidiaries.

AMBITIONS

Deputy Chairman is CLLR. ARNOLD FIELDHOUSE, leader of Grtr.Manchester's Council, and a key figure in COLIN's wider political ambitions. ARNOLD is a property speculator, builder and Housing Association Chairman, with a finger in many pies, and directorships on eight other local organisations, one of which is AMA PROPERTIES LTD whose directors include other G.M.E.D.C. board member, ex Bolton Cllr. J.C. HANSCOMBE.

But, the best contact on the G.M.E.D.C. must surely be GEORGE HEYWOOD who is a director of no fewer than 26 local companies including BARCLAYS BANK and THE NATIONAL BUS COMPANY.

the G.M.E.D.C's job is to stimulate industry in Grtr. Manchester, and help small companies. We sincerely hope that COLIN will have been helped by his membership on the board. □

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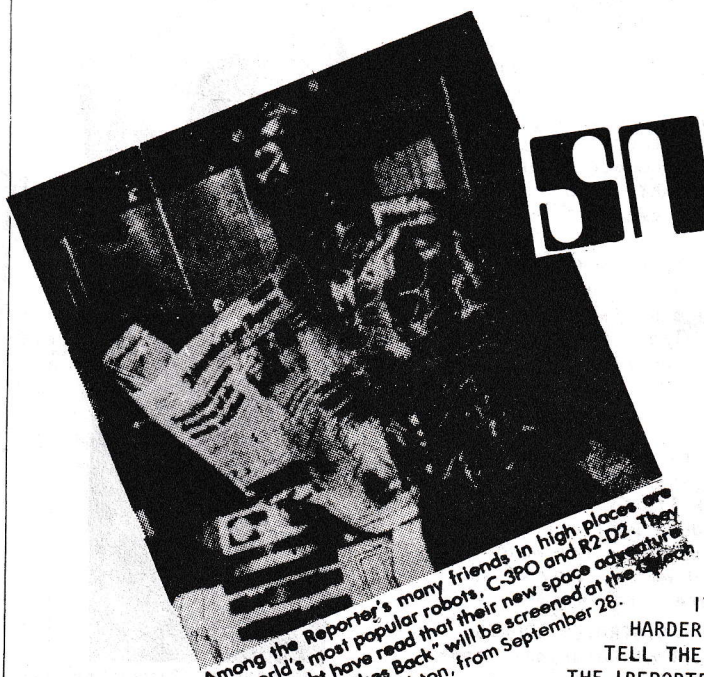
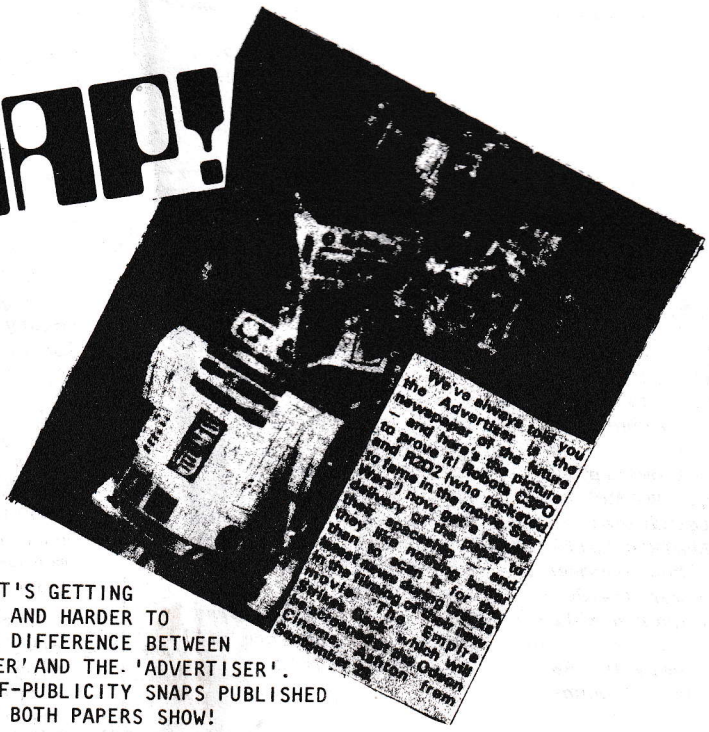


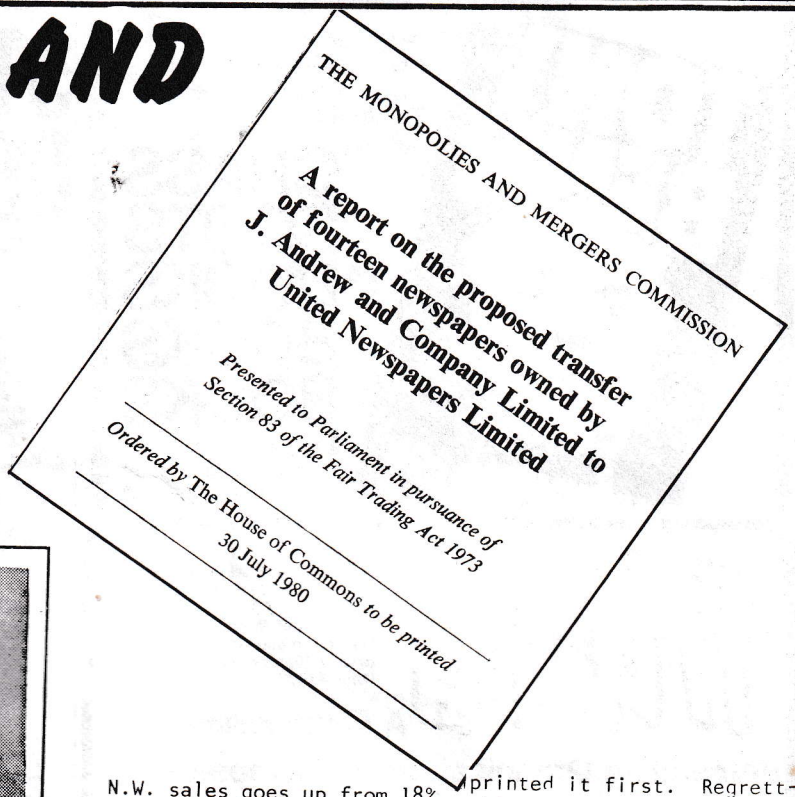
Among the Reporter's many friends in high places are the world's most popular robots, C-3PO and R2-D2. They will no doubt have read that their new space adventure "The Empire Strikes Back" will be screened at the Odeon Cinema, Ashton, from September 28.



We've always told you the Advertiser is the newspaper of the future — and here's the picture to prove it! Robots C3PO and R2D2 (who rocketed to fame in the movie Star Wars') now get a request destiny of their own. Specially for the Advertiser they're reading 'em and weeping — and almost cause disaster in the filming of their new movie 'The Empire Strikes Back' which will be screened at the Odeon Cinema, Ashton from September 28.

IT'S GETTING HARDER AND HARDER TO TELL THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE 'REPORTER' AND THE 'ADVERTISER'. AS THESE TWO SELF-PUBLICITY SNAPS PUBLISHED THE SAME WEEK IN BOTH PAPERS SHOW!

'SUSPICION AND MISTRUST' LED TO REPORTER TAKEOVER


THE MONOPOLIES AND MERGERS COMMISSION
A report on the proposed transfer of fourteen newspapers owned by J. Andrew and Company Limited to United Newspapers Limited
Presented to Parliament in pursuance of Section 83 of the Fair Trading Act 1973
Ordered by The House of Commons to be printed
30 July 1980

THE ANDREWS FAMILY-OWNERS OF THE "REPORTER"GROUP OF NEWSPAPERS SINCE 1850 SOLD OUT RECENTLY BECAUSE OF FAMILY QUARRELS, ACCORDING TO A REPORT PRODUCED BY THE ONOPOLIES AND MERGERS COMMISSION IN LONDON.

GERALD ANDREW

GERALD ANDREW - 80 year old Chairman of J. ANDREW AND CO.LTD., owners of the REPORTER GROUP told the Commission that family friction had made it impossible for the Board of Directors to function. He spoke of 'suspicion' and 'mistrust' between the two branches of the family: the HALLMARKS and the ANDREWS. Meetings had been chaotic, and effective control was left in the hands of the Managing Director GERARD MACALINDEN.

When EYE contacted GERALD ANDREW at his Stalybridge home he refused to comment on the quarrel that ended the families 150 year old monopoly over news in Tameside.

The ANDREW's empire had been breaking up for years.

- Family shares had been split amongst people 'who had very little direct contact with either the newspaper or the locality'
- Elderly shareholders were getting worried about passing on their Reporter wealth to the next generation. THEY wanted the sell-out in order to avoid Govt. death taxes.
- Profits had been dropping steadily from £149,224 in 1976 to £89,099 in 1979.
- Sales had been hit by THE ADVERTISER. They fell from 71,000 in 1979 to 67,000 in Aug.1980. Whilst the rival free-sheet claimed to be maintaining a 65,000 plus circulation in a much smaller geographical area than the REPORTER.
- Bigger newspaper groups had been making takeover offers for years. The MANCHESTER EVENING NEWS AND GUARDIAN LIMITED were particularly interested. Aquisition of the REPORTER's 14 titles would have given them a virtual monopoly over local news. It is probable that the EVENING NEWS decided to set up the ADVERTISER in Tameside only after their REPORTER bid had failed.

UNITED NEWSPAPERS

UNITED NEWSPAPERS succeeded, according to the Commission report, because they did not already own papers in the immediate Tameside area, because their boss LORD BARNETSON made written reassurances that there would not be any redundancies, and because they could offer the REPORTER staff the use of a large London office and facilities.

After the takeover, UNITED NEWSPAPERS controls 35 of the 125 local papers in the N. West. More than any other group. Its share in total N.W. sales goes up from 18% to 24%, and it becomes one of the three biggest provincial newspaper groups in the country.

PRESS FREEDOM

The takeover is part of a national trend which gravely threatens freedom of the press. In 1977 seven companies controlled more than a quarter of the total circulation of all weeklies in the U.K. UNITED NEWSPAPERS was one of the seven (for a more detailed run-down on UNITED NEWSPAPERS see EYE 14). Despite this, the Monopolies and Mergers Commission decided that the REPORTER takeover did not threaten press freedom. The commission said that UNITED NEWSPAPERS were politically independent. A curious statement to make of a newspaper group that was founded by LLOYD GEORGE and which, in recent years, has had a Director of Publicity for the Conservative Party H.Q. in London on its board of Directors. □

SCOOP!

Last May the Advertiser "REVEALED EXCLUSIVELY" where the controversial new Tameside independent grammar School was to be sited. At the time we felt compelled to point out that this 'REVELATION" was not actually "EXCLUSIVE" in that the REPORTER had printed it first. Regrettably we now have to remind the ADVERTISER newshounds that their "REVELATION" of last May wasn't even TRUE! Neither of the two possible sites revealed in their article has been chosen. The site is to be St.Marks Primary in Dukinfield. Now, if we were the ADVERTISER we'd say that was an "EXCLUSIVE REVELATION! " But, since we're honest we will admit that we read it in the REPORTER a month or so ago. □

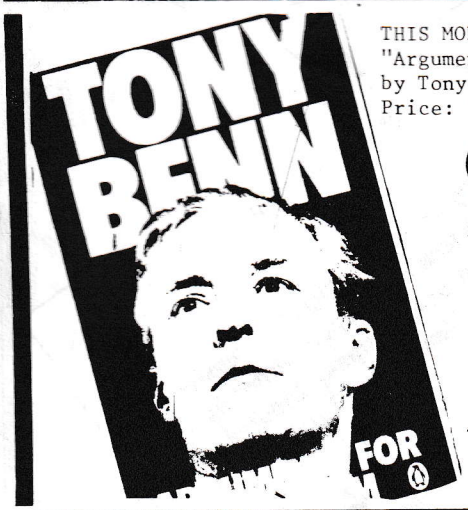
BLIMP

Does ADVERTISER Editor BRYAN CHADDERTON read his own stories? In an August edition of the paper CHADDERTON's name was tagged to a front page lead about Tameside's record unemployment figures.

Inside the same paper in his comments column, 28 yr. old whizzkid BRYAN was blimping on about the 'leeches' who abscond from council houses when they are in rent arrears.

Don't you think, BRYAN, that there might just possibly be some connection between high unemployment and rent arrears.

In the same comment, BRYAN implied that he was never in arrears with his mortgage payments. Good for you BRYAN. But then you ARE employed. And you ARE the Editor of a newspaper. How many unemployed council tenants are in quite the same position as you? □



THIS MONTH'S BESTSELLER!
"Arguments for Socialism"
by Tony Benn
Price: £1.50

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Homosexual information and advice for women and men in the North West, 7-10pm, Lesbian Link 061-236 6205 (Mon-Fri) 7-10pm. Gay information 061-236 5986 (7 days) 7-10pm. Friend 061-236 6283 (Mon-Fri).

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TOM PENDRY

Tom Pendry M.P. holds regular surgeries every month at:
Dukinfield Town Hall
1st Sat. 10.30 to 12 Noon

Hyde Town Hall
2nd Sat. 10.30 to 12 Noon
Hattersley Community Centre
2nd Sat. 12.15 to 1.15

Stalybridge Town Hall
3rd Sat. 10.3o to 12 Noon

Mottram Court House
4th Sat. 10.00 to 11.00
Broadbottom/Tintwistle or Hollingworth alternate 4th Sat.
(See Weekly Press for details).

No appointments necessary.

HYDE AGAINST THE MISSILES!

A new group opposed to the introduction of Cruise missiles into Britain is being formed. Contact:

Sonya Enticknap
Broadbottom 64723

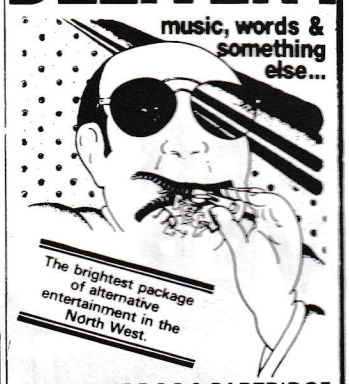
Coaches to the Demo at the Labour Party Conference in Blackpool have been booked for Sunday 28th September.

* A Tameside section of the Right to work campaign is being formed at a meeting in the AUEW Hall, Margaret St. Ashton. 8pm Thur. 25th Sept. (Contact RTWC, 39 Lorne St.Mossley - 698 5037)

Open Your EYE Each Month

EYE now out regularly every month - see Page Two for all the details.

STAND & DELIVER!



ALL AT THE DOG & PARTRIDGE BROOK ST., ASHTON-U-LYNE.

8.30p.m.

on alternate Fridays from

Sept 26

Friday September 26th.

Jim Burns- poet, magazine editor, poetry reviewer for Tribune and active Trade Unionist, will read a selection from his witty and explicit poems.

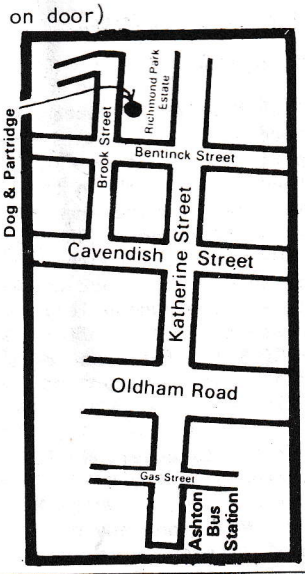
Friday October 10th

George MacBeth - Poet, former BBC poetry producer and performer who recently staged a late-night poetry-music show."Cabaret of Love and Death" at the Young Vic. He will present a selection from his wide range of poems.

Promoted by Tameside Libraries and Arts with Assistance from North West Arts and the National Poetry Secretariat.

25p or 6 for £1

Membership arrangements - contact Mike Rooke, 5 Rush Hill Rd. Oldham (or on door)



Hello Readers! I'm back! Inspired by their cronies in the local branch of the beastly SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY, the mealy-mouthed pinko editors of this foul socialist rag removed my column from the paper, kidnapped me, locked me up, bound me hand and foot in the dank smelly cellars of the N.U.P.E. building on Stamford St. in Ashton and beat me savagely about the feet with old copies of the MORNING STAR.

But they could not hold me. With a leap and a bound I was free. And now I'm back with this regular column, fighting for all that's good and true: THE QUEEN, MRS THATCHER, FREE COMPETITION, and, most important of all, TAX DODGING. Watch this space.....

I'd like to kick off with a word of support for my old friend Lt. Col. COURTENAY of the 551st Bombay and Mango Chutney Highlanders (ret.)His recent letter in the ADVERTISER was an inspiration. In it he pointed out that our great country is now "Riddled with left wing, namby,pamby trendies and long haired hooligans (one thinks instantly of MICHAEL HESELTINE). And goes on to assert that we are being 'deliberately undermined by Trade Unionists, homosexuals, social workers and ban the bomb softies.' and calls, rightly, for "a war which might restore some moral fibre to our young people.'

Jolly good show Col. And jolly good show too, to the ADVERTISER for publishing his fine words!

Yours, Wretch!

Apologies from EYE to Mr. Harry Nuttall for the inaccurate statements made about him and the Council house he's bought in EYE No. 13. It was incorrect to say he was "on the make".

POLITICS

~IN COUNCIL~

It's nice for Eye to be able to report one area not affected by the cuts - yes, Council Binges!
Cllr. GEORGE HATTON, this year's Mayor, held his May Ball at a cost to the ratepayers of £1100.
And GEORGE was not put off by it being against Labour Party Policy; nor was he embarrassed by some fellow Councillors not attending. But at least they were invited. I wasn't asked, were you?O

Seen recently on a Wreckreation Committee agenda was an item proposing to discuss HATTERSLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE's finances. Do they normally discuss other departments business? Or, is it the first salvo fired to try to win Hattersley Centre back? No, its simply wishful thinking on the Wreck's bureaucrats part, who have clearly forgotten that Hattersley was turned over to Education Dept.in April.O

Whatever happened to the labour parties election promise to get rid of Tameside's Personnel Dept? It's still there after having no fewer than three different Chairmen in two years. JACK THORNLEY kicked off as Chairman intending to abolish the job as soon as possible. Then he nearly got the sack from the local law firm of ROWLEY & BLEWITTS and had to step down. Then, DROYLSDEN Councillor RON FOSTER took over. Now ex Labour leader GEORGE NEWTON is in charge. Meanwhile the Chief Officer at Personnel the power-mad MR. METCALFE is sitting pretty. And, at least one Labour Councillor of our acquaintance does not expect GEORGE NEWTON to succeed with METCALFE where THORNLEY and FOSTER failed. 'The one person you don't put in charge of a megalomaniac' according to our knowledgable source, 'is an idiot.'O

UNIONS

NOT A LOT GOING ON

ROY OLDHAM - LABOUR LEADER - HAS INSISTED 400 COUNCIL JOBS MUST BE SHED.

Unlike Manchester, the Town Hall Unions are not putting up much of a fight.
At a recent NALGO meeting a motion was proposed to fight the cuts, but the Union officials weren't keen In the first place, the proposers of the anti-cuts motion had to print it themselves so that the 200 or so members who attended would be able to read it.

The motion was carried on a show of hands, but then the Chairman ARTHUR TURNER (prompted by NALGO's local full-timer DAVID MELVIN) decided to count the votes 'in case any industrial action had to take place.'
After the count the motion was declared lost by 116 to 97 votes. The executive breathed a sigh of relief. NALGO's desire not to upset ROY OLDHAM's applecart has lead to some other clever tricks. To their acute embarrassment, it was revealed at the meeting that a leaflet from Head office intended for all the members had not been distributed.

The leaflet called "No Cover For Vacant Posts" explains NALGO's national policy. MELVIN is privately worried about the "credibility gap" between the members and officers.Both NUPE and NALGO are joining in with the committee that is organising the job loss.

Previously loyal Labour supporters are however now why a Labour Council is to be seen cutting jobs and leaving posts unfilled as unemployment rises...

PICKET

* PICKET of Full Council Meeting. 4 p.m. onwards outside Ashton Town Hall, on Tuesday 23rd October. Against cuts in services and the job losses.

*Rank and File Council Worker can be contacted via: John Pearson (Computer Dept. Ashton) and Tony Enticknap (Social Services, Mulberry St. Ashton).

WRECKREATION

FLABBY TALE

COPLEY RECREATION CENTRE was back in the news recently. Both THE ADVERTISER & THE EVENING NEWS (its parent paper) carried a news item on how HAZEL LOWE , the Centre's Assistant Manageress had lost some weight, using the Centre's wonderful facilities. The trouble is that what amounted to a shameless 'plug' for the Centre was not 'news' at all. For, HAZEL lost her spare four stone long before she started work at Copley, just under a year ago. So why did the story get published?

The answer lies perhaps with the WRECKREATION DEPT. who are still attempting to get over the bad publicity the Centre received last year surrounding the suspension and eventual reinstatement of two of the Centre's staff.
If you remember, REX HAMPSON - jewellry salesman of the year and the boss over the WRECK's Centres - made a series of amazing (and groundless) allegations to do with the catering facilities. At one point he accused the staff of buying in extra boxes of toffees in order to save the stickers needed to enter the toffee firm's promotional holiday competition; at another he likened their actions to the Great Train Robbery. Clearly someone at WRECKREATION still needs to get things into proportion.
No doubt the excellent working relationship between HAZEL and her boss, REX (which must have made the interviewing process for Assistant Manager much smoother) will lead to a slimming down of the WRECK's "Ripping Yarns" Dept.

HAZEL LOWE IN ACTION

POST

Dear EYE,

I was most intrigued by your reporting of the abuse of council house sales as demonstrated by the Longendale School caretaker in letting his house for the period when he has to live on the job. I also, wholeheartedly agree with you that 'the waiting lists grow longer and the shortage of houses for larger families gets worse.' Perhaps part of the trouble is Tamesides cock-eyed system of housing exchanges which are arranged between tenants apparently without any supervision or regard to suitability.

Here, in our street, Moorfield Terrace, Hollingworth we have just witnessed a demonstration of the elastic principles of our 'caring' Tameside Eye associates in the person of Phil Garrett who has just exchanged from a new house in Printers Fold Estate to a four bedroomed council house in Moorfield Terrace.

How a 'caring' family, man, wife and one child can justify their move to a 4-bedroomed house, when as you said there is a shortage of these and large families in need I do not know.

Could it perhaps be that the Printers Fold estate, being newly built was not for sale whilst Moorfield Terrace, being old and stone built are? Or could it be one law for school caretakers earning a living and another for workers for Tameside Eye?

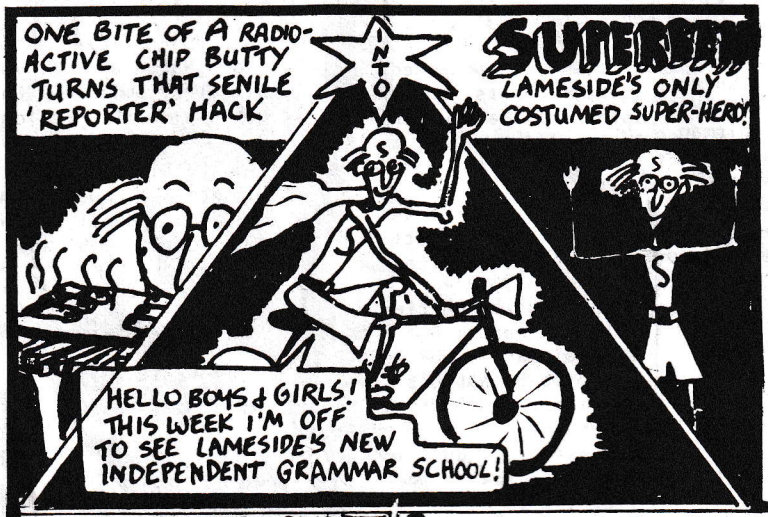
PAT RIMMER
27 MOORFIELD TERRACE
HOLLINGWORTH

EYE comments:

No doubt Phil, who only worked on EYE briefly, had a good reason for the move. As he's almost next door, why not ask him? On Council Houses - perhaps you can explain why selling them solves the homes shortage!

The secret life of **Uncle Ben**

For you to colour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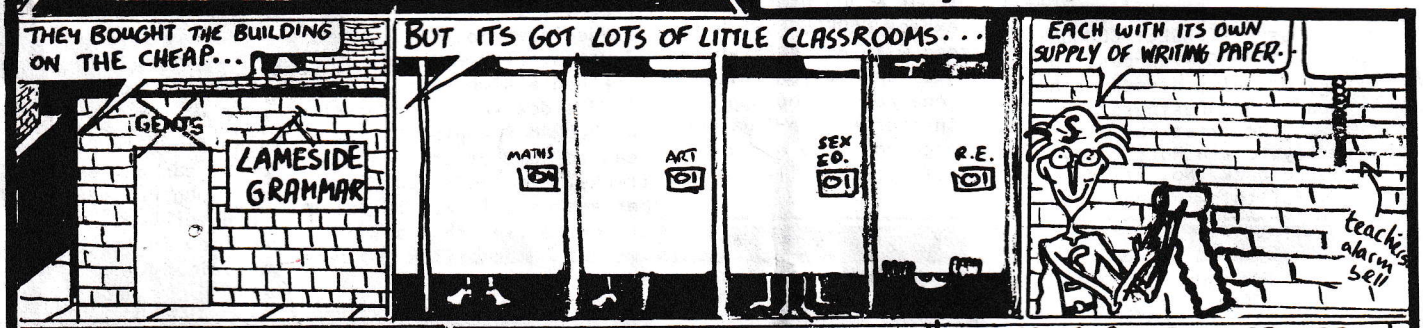
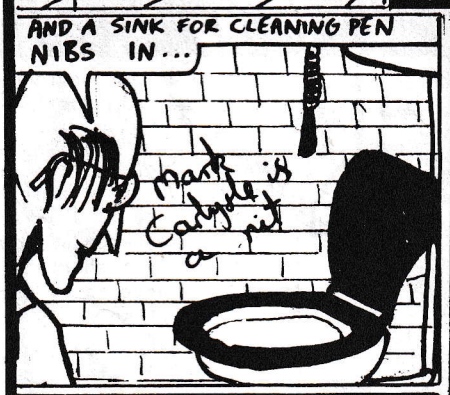
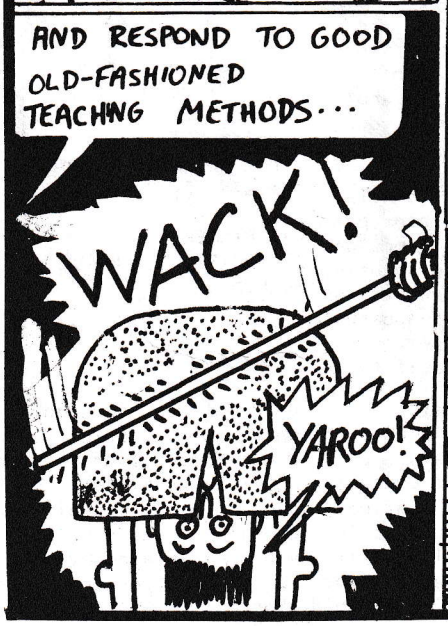
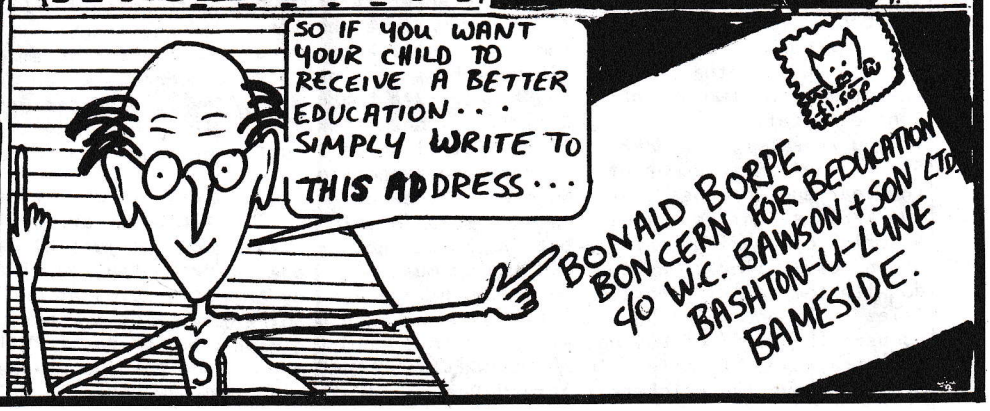
HELLO BOYS & GIRLS! THIS WEEK I'M OFF TO SEE LAMESIDE'S NEW INDEPENDENT GRAMMAR SCHOOL!





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